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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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AYMAN, Hariri, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/873,433

Group Art Unit: 2642

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Examiner: William Deane, Jr.

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For: UNIVERSAL POINT OF CONTACT IDENTIFIER SYSTEM AND METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement, dated March 18, 2005, Applicant elects the claims of Group I for examination.¹ This election is made without traverse.

Claims 1 - 78 are all the claims pending in the application, however, the Restriction Requirement does not treat pending claims 68 - 77. It is respectfully submitted that claims 68 - 77 are properly grouped with the claims of Group I since claims 68 - 77 are drawn to a universal point of contact, as are the other claims in Group I.² Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that by electing Group I, Applicant elects claims 1-61 and 68 - 78 for examination.

Applicant reserves the right to file one or more Divisional Applications directed to the non-elected claims.

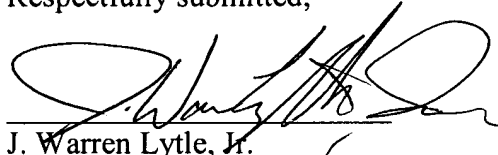
¹ This response is timely filed within the two (2) month period of response set in the Office Action.

² In fact, claims 68 - 71 depend, either directly or indirectly from claim 66 which is in Group I.

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Respectfully submitted,



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